



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12 East, Pontiac, MI 48341

Safer Communities Ad Hoc

Marcia Gershenson, Chair

March 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Marcia Gershenson called the meeting of the Safer Communities Ad Hoc to order at 04:03 PM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcia Gershenson; Penny Luebs; Angela Powell; Betsey Hage; Major Russell Yeiser, Alternate designee for Undersheriff Timothy Willis (5)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated September 18, 2025

Angela Powell moved **approval of the Minutes dated September 18, 2025, as presented.** Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Betsey Hage

No: None

Abstain: None

4. Approval of Agenda

Angela Powell moved **approval of the agenda, as presented.** Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Betsey Hage

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Communications

- a. **Board of Commissioners - (Mission Statement) MR #2023-125 - Establishing the OC Safer Communities Fund**
- b. **Board of Commissioners - Budget and Invoice Update**
The Communications items were received by the Committee.

7. Regular Agenda

- a. **Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Follow-Up Discussion on the All of Us Foundation University Gun Violence Prevention Initiative**
Betsey Hage led the discussion regarding gun locks and safes.
- b. **Sheriff's Office - Discussion on the FY 2026 Request from the Oakland County Sheriff's School Resource Officer Unit (Oakland Schools)**
Proposed Board Action: approve the request from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Oakland Technical Campus School Resource Officer Unit for the Purchase of Four (4) Gun Safe Lockers in the amount of \$5,719.96; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute any required agreements on behalf of Oakland County after the final review from Corporation Counsel and the Purchasing Division.

Angela Powell moved to **refer to Public Health & Safety Committee the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-1-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Russell Yeiser

No: Betsey Hage

Abstain: None

- c. **Board of Commissioners - Discussion on Allocating Funding for Biometric Gun Safes to Provide at Gun Safety Training Programs**
This item was postponed until the next meeting. There was no objection.
- d. **Board of Commissioners - Discussion of E-Trace and Future Gun Buy Back Events Targeted Towards Pawn Shop Owners**
Emily Busch, End Gun Violence MI, gave an update and led the discussion on the E-Trace data and enforcement of the law prohibiting the resale of pistols in pawn shops.
- e. **Board of Commissioners - Discussion on the FY 2026 Request from Disarmory Ministries**
This item was postponed until the next meeting. There was no objection.
- f. **Board of Commissioners - Disarmory Ministries 2025 Final Impact Report**
This item was postponed until the next meeting. There was no objection.
- g. **Board of Commissioners - Future Project Ideas**

Major Russ Yeiser led the group in a brief discussion regarding \$3,000 for the Crime Stoppers of Michigan program as a future project idea.

8. Public Comment

Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

9. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 04:43 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.